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1. The personnel section (administrativno strayevo otdel) of the staff department of the Frunze Military Academy in Moscow maintained a central index of students. Copies of each year's list of students were retained in the section. Each officer-student had an individual dossier. Upon the officer's graduation in May his dossier and his grades would be forwarded to the personnel department (Kommandnoye upravlenie) of the Soviet Army General Staff. This department was one of the main segments of the General Staff and was concerned with assignment of military personnel.
2. A central index for students also existed in other military academies as well as in universities and higher technical schools.
3. The list of students included the following information: name, rank, grades earned at the academy, and a copy of the "attestatiya" (graduation certificate) from the academy. In 1939 there were approximately 25 thousand officer-students in all the military academies. From 7-8 thousand graduated annually. Central indices of students were not open to the public. Yearbooks were not published at the academies as this would have violated the general attitude of secrecy.
4. No military monographs or texts were made available to the public. They were either restricted (ne podlezhit ogloshenie) or secret (sekretno). The restricted material could be taken home, but had to be kept under lock and key, there, when not in use. Secret material was kept in guarded vaults and could be checked out for use only during the day at the academy. Top secret material (sov sekretno or sovershenno sekretno) could be seen only by officers with top secret clearance (dapushini k sov sekretnoi perepiski).

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5. On the other hand, civilian writings, such as papers on mathematics, could be publicly available.

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Soviet newspapers may have some mention of civilian educators, however. During the 1930's and the early 1940's at least, there was an atmosphere of increasing secrecy in regard to military and civilian life.

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